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FOLLOWING REPEAT DJIBOUTI 631 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 631

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SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIAL SAUDI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR DJIBOUTI

1. AFTER MANY MONTHS OF GESTATION, A SAUDI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
TOTTALLING NEARLY U.S. DOLS. 60 MILLION WAS CONCLUDED WITH  
THE GOVERNMENT OF DJIBOUTI THIS PAST WEEK AND ANNOUNCED  
PUBLICLY ON 2 MAY. THE PROJECTS COVER MANY CRITICAL AREAS,  
INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION, IMPROVEMENTS  
IN PORT AND AIRPORT SERVICES, ROADS, RELIGION, HOUSING, HEALTH  
AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

2. FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS. THE DOLLAR  
TOTALS HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY. THEY WERE OBTAINED  
FROM A REPUTABLE DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT SOURCE:

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- ELECTRIC TURBINE FOR THE DJIBOUTI ELECTRIC COMPANY.  
THIS MACHINE WILL PROBABLY BE PURCHASED FROM FRENCH FIRM THAT  
SUPPLIED EXISTING EQUIPMENT. VALUE: DOLS. 4,000,000  
- ADDITIONAL AIRPORT PARKING APRON. AT PRESENT TIME, ONLY ONE  
BOEING 747 CAN BE PARKED IN AREA OF AIRPORT TERMINAL. THIS WILL  
ADD ONE ADDITIONAL TAXING AND PARKING AREA FOR LARGE AIRCRAFT.  
VALUE: DOLS. 1,907,500

- CITY FREEZING PLANT. TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL LIVE-STOCK COMMERCIALIZATION. AT PRESENT TIME, MOST MEAT CONSUMED IN DJIBOUTI CITY IS IMPORTED. VALUE: DOLS. 1,700,000
- SATELLITE EARTH STATION. THIS PROJECT WAS DESCRIBED IN EMBTEL 354. VALUE: DOLS. 2,500,000
- LOW COST HOUSING FOR CIVIL SERVANTS. FIRST TRANCHE COSTS DOLS. 5,000,000
- MICROWAVE SYSTEM TO SUPPORT EARTH STATION, ALSO DESCRIBED IN EMBTEL 354. COST DOLS. 2,000,000
- FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR TADJOURAH-DJIBOUTI ROAD. DOLS 500,000
- AGRICULTURE. PROJECTS PLANNED FOR DJIBOUTI AREA (AMBOULI) AND GRAND BARA. MONEY ALLOCATED DOLS. 9,000,000
- FEASIBILITY AND DESIGN STUDY FOR WATER BOTTLING PLANT AT TADJOURAH. COST DOLS. 900,000
- HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION. TO BUILD TWO NEW WINGS AT THE PELTIER HOSPITAL IN DJIBOUTI AND FOR DESIGN STUDY FOR HOSPITAL AT OBOCK. COST DOLS. 6,400,000
- ORPHANAGE FOR DJIBOUTI. COST DOLS. 6,500,000
- ARAB LANGUAGE PRINTSHOP. COST DOLS. 1,000,000
- EQUIPMENT FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICES (TYPEWRITERS, COPIERS, ETC.) MONEY ALLOCATED: DOLS. 1,800,000
- EDUCATION-ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INFORMATION, THIS MONEY WILL BE ADDED TO OVERALL EDUCATION BUDGET (NO TIME-LIMIT SPECIFIED) AND CAN BE USED FOR FRENCH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION AS WELL AS CONVERSION TO ARABIC LANGUAGE CURRICULUM. ALLOCATION DOLS. 14,000,000

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- CONSTRUCTION OF MOSQUES. COST DOLS.1,600,000
- BUDGET ASSISTANCE. COST DOLS. 5,000,000
- TOTAL VALUE OF PROJECTS: DOLS. 59,807,500

3. BECAUSE OF SAUDI CONCERN RE POSSIBILITIES FOR MALFEASANCE, A PROJECT MANAGER WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE SAUDI EMBASSY DJIBOUTI TO SUPERVISE DISBURSEMENTS.

4. PROJECTS WILL BE DEVELOPED VIA INTERNATIONAL TENDERS. POST WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INSIGHT FROM AMEMBASSY JIDDA ABOUT SAUDI BUILDING PRACTICES. SOME AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA AND ELSEWHERE, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT SOME OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS WOULD BE ACCORDED TO U.S. FIRMS.

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